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	AC	598,054	01/1898	Meany	5	711	
	AD	1,017,153	02/1912	Kampe	5	663	
	AE	1,043,370	11/1912	Stubbs	248	345.1	
	AF	1,261,040	04/1918	Lanes	297	68	
	AG	1,398,203	11/1921	Schmidt	5	618	
	AH	1,440,783	01/1923	Kiley	248	345.1	
	AI	2,245,909	06/1941	Enfiajian	5	710	
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R.S.	AQ	0 037 063 A2	10/1981	EPO	—	—	
OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)							
R.S.	AR	Akrotech 4000 Brochure, LUMEX, 1992.					
R.S.	AS	"Impression" Brochure, Kinetic Concepts, Inc., Aug. 1996.					
R.S.	AT	Stryker Medical GO BED™ brochure, 2 pgs., 2001					
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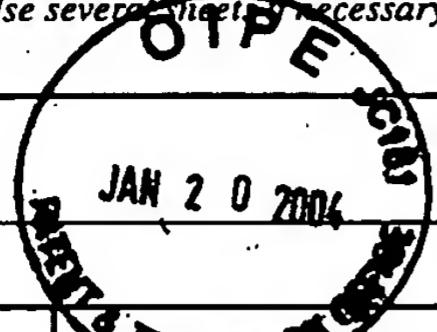
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	BC	2,556,591	06/1951	Loxley	5	618	
	BD	2,564,083	08/1951	Stachert	5	618	
	BE	2,605,151	07/1952	Shampaine	5	602	
	BF	2,687,536	08/1954	Miller	5	614	
	BG	2,719,769	10/1955	Murphy	5	618	
	BH	2,722,017	11/1955	Burst et al.	5	428	
	BI	2,734,104	02/1956	Gollhofer	200	61.75	
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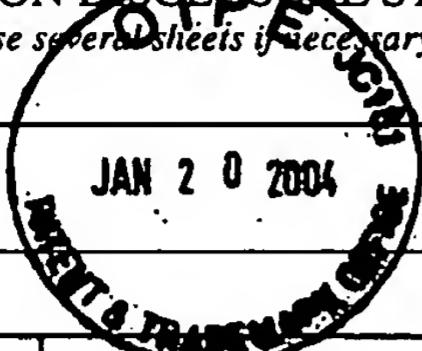
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	CC 3,036,314	05/1962	Wetzler	5	611	
	CD 3,053,568	09/1962	Miller	297	78	
	CE 3,099,440	07/1963	Burzlaff	5	614	
	CF 3,112,500	12/1963	MacDonald	5	618	
	CG 3,138,805	06/1964	Piazza	5	618	
	CH 3,195,151	07/1965	Boyer	5	624	
	CI 3,210,779	10/1965	Herbold	5	610	
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	CO 3-62423	09/1991	Japan			X - (Abstract only)
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	DC	3,309,717	03/1967	Black	5	618	
	DD	3,317,931	05/1967	Benoit et al.	5	616	
	DE	3,393,004	07/1968	Williams	296	20	
	DF	3,406,772	10/1968	Ahrent et al.	180	9,23	
	DG	3,456,269	07/1969	Goodman	5	618	
	DH	3,506,989	04/1970	Ross et al.	5	430	
	DI	3,526,008	09/1970	Pruim	5	430	
	DJ	3,585,659	06/1971	Burst et al.	5	430	
<i>RS</i>	DK	3,593,350	07/1971	Knight et al.	5	616	

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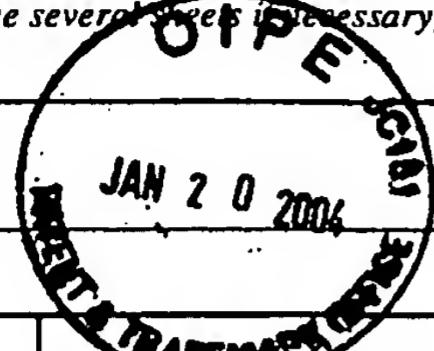
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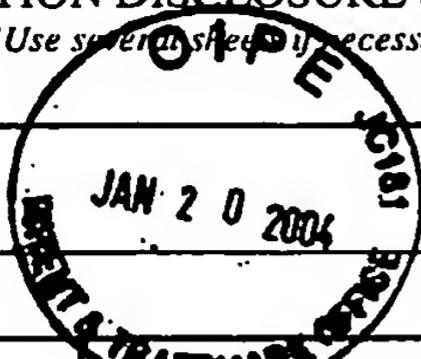
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	ED	3,665,528	05/1972	Kjellberg et al.	5	618	
	EE	3,724,003	04/1973	Ellwanger et al.	5	614	
	EF	3,814,414	06/1974	Chapa	5	601	
	EG	3,822,425	07/1974	Scaler	5	710	
	EH	3,845,947	11/1974	Lee	5	613	
	EI	3,893,197	07/1975	Ricke	5	651	
	EJ	3,897,973	08/1975	Long et al.	297	75	
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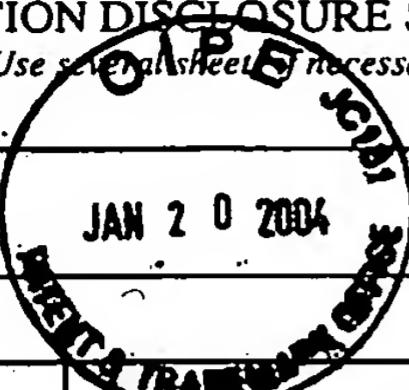
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	FB	3,916,461	11/1975	Kersthok	5	618	
	FC	3,932,903	01/1976	Adams et al.	5	100	
	FD	3,977,664	08/1976	Mitchell et al.	5	614	
	FE	3,993,051	11/1976	Maruyama	601	5	
	FF	4,016,613	04/1977	Benoit et al.	5	663	
	FG	4,038,709	08/1977	Kerwit	5	601	
	FH	4,062,075	12/1977	Stern et al.	5	611	
	FI	4,078,269	03/1978	Weipert	5	611	
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	GD	4,183,109	01/1980	Howell	5	618	
	GE	4,193,149	03/1980	Welch	5	713	
	GF	4,195,829	04/1980	Reser	5	614	
	GG	4,205,665	06/1980	Burton	602	35	
	GH	4,225,989	10/1980	Corbett et al.	5	713	
	GI	4,231,030	10/1980	Weiss	5	611	
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	HD	4,312,500	01/1982	Janssen	5	618	
	HE	4,336,621	06/1982	Schwartz et al.	5	658	
	HF	4,345,344	08/1982	Gadoury et al.	5	610	
	HG	4,354,838	10/1982	Hoyer et al.	432	101	
	HH	4,369,535	01/1983	Ekkerink	5	690	
	HI	4,386,254	05/1983	Eberhardt et al.	200	339	
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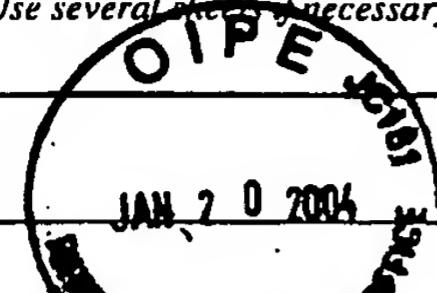
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	KE	4,856,123	08/1988	Henderson et al.	4	480	
	KF	4,858,260	08/1989	Failor et al.	5	618	
	KG	4,858,481	08/1989	Abraham	74	89.38	
	KH	4,862,529	09/1989	Peck	5	611	
	KI	4,862,530	09/1989	Chen	5	618	
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	LH 5,040,253	08/1991	Cheng	5	616	
	LI 5,054,141	10/1991	Foster et al.	5	611	
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	MH	5,105,486	04/1992	Peterson	5	611	
	MI	5,109,554	05/1992	Borders et al.	5	602	
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	NE	5,179,744	01/1993	Foster et al.	5	600	
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	NI	Des. 336,577	06/1993	Wade	06	503	
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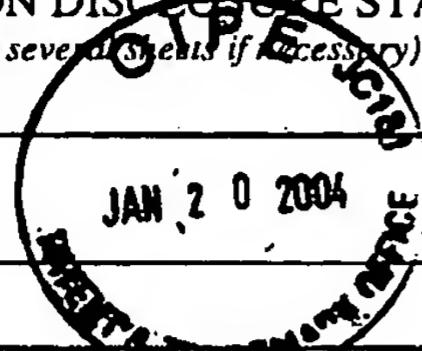
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	OD	5,279,010	01/1994	Ferrand et al.	5	600	
	OE	5,283,096	02/1994	Greenberg et al.	428	67	
	OF	5,317,769	06/1994	Weismiller et al.	5	610	
	OG	5,323,565	06/1994	Kappers et al.	52	36.4	
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	PE	5,444,880	08/1995	Weismiller et al.	5	424	
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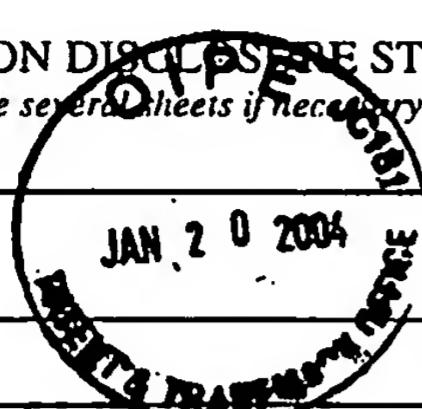
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	RF	5,802,636	09/1998	Corbin	5	425	
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	RH	5,806,111	09/1998	Heimbrock et al.	5	86.1	
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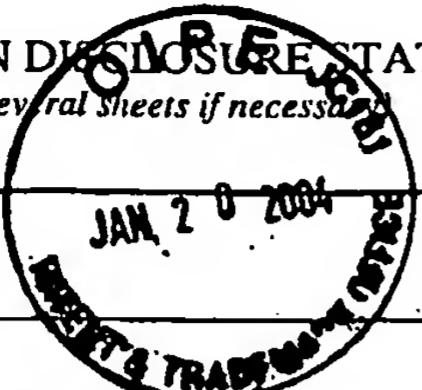
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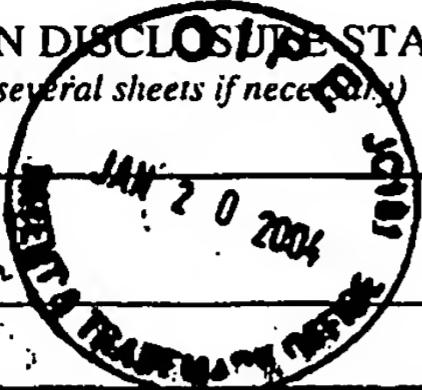
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